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FOR: METHOD FOR IMPROVING VISCOSITY )  
 OF THICKENERS FOR AQUEOUS )  
 SYSTEMS )

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2007. Please amend the Application as follows: